

12th European Conference on Tax Advisers' Professional Affairs

Making Anti-Money Laundering More Effective For Tax Advisers

Friday, 29 November 2019

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France

New EU anti-money laundering rules have been introduced by the 5th Anti-Money Laundering Directive ("AML"), which Member States are obliged to transpose into national law by 10 January 2020.

This Directive is based on FATF Recommendations and builds on other EU transparency initiatives to prevent money laundering. The AML Directive covers a variety of industries including tax advisory services and thus supports the OECD efforts in fighting money laundering by the Forum on Tax & Crime.

The conference will examine the perceived risks posed by the tax profession in facilitating money laundering based on the EU Commission's Supranational Risk Assessments, compliance with the new and existing EU Anti-Money Laundering Directives and efforts taken to address money laundering in the broader international context and the effect this has on tax evasion.

Panellists will consider the effectiveness and the impact of existing EU rules and the new requirements of the 5th AML Directive, including making beneficial owners of legal entities registers public and providing increased access to information on the beneficial ownership.

Speakers will also discuss the impact of enhanced cooperation and exchanges of information provided for between the EU and Member States under the 5th AML Directive.

In addition, panellists will discuss compliance with and implementation of the measures by tax advisers in practice and the information available to supervisory bodies to facilitate their obligations under the Directive.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

09:15

Registration

09:45

Opening Remarks

Ian Hayes, Chair of the Tax Technology Committee, CFE Tax Advisers Europe, United Kingdom

Marc Bornhauser, President, Institut des Avocats Conseils Fiscaux (IACF), France

10:00 – 12:00

PANEL I

International Approach Against Money Laundering

Moderator:

Dick Barmantlo, Attorney, FT Advocaten & Member of the Professional Affairs Committee, CFE Tax Advisers Europe, The Netherlands

Nilimesh Baruah, Senior Adviser, Tax & Crime Division, OECD

Dr Robby Houben, Associate Professor, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Dr Kateryna Boguslavska, Project Manager on Basel AML Index, Basel Institute on Governance, Switzerland

Samantha Bourton, Lecturer, University of the West of England, United Kingdom

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch break

13:00 – 14:45

PANEL II

The 4th and 5th AML Directives: Anti-Money Laundering by Tax Advisers in Practice

Moderator:

Heather Brehcist, Member of the Professional Affairs Committee, CFE Tax Advisers Europe, United Kingdom

Wim Gohres, Chair of the Professional Affairs Committee, CFE Tax Advisers Europe, The Netherlands

Jean-Charles Krebs, Lawyer, Cabinet Boullier, France

Gary Ashford, Partner, Harbottle & Lewis & Vice-President, CFE Tax Advisers Europe, United Kingdom

14:45 – 15:00

Closing Remarks

Bruno Gouthière, Partner CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre & Executive Board Member, CFE Tax Advisers Europe, France

15:00 – 16:00

Networking Drink